

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2108  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2108 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide health care premium assistance for any health insurance costs assessed against individuals at various income ranges up to three hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

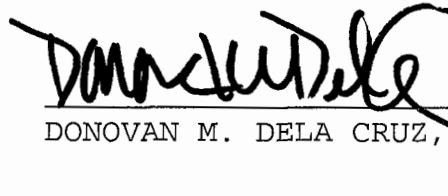
Your Committee finds that access to health care is an important need for Hawaii residents. According to the Federal Census Bureau, about half of the population of the State has an income at three hundred percent of the federal poverty level. Providing health care premium assistance would make health insurance costs more affordable for families in the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2108, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2108, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2108</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS/CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/28/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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